GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SMOKELESS CHULLAHS/SANITATION UNDER RURAL HOUSING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms to provide smokeless chullahs and sanitary latrines under rural housing schemes;

(b) whether is it a fact that under the Rural Housing Schemes 20 States and 2Union Territories could provide smokeless `chullahs` and sanitary Latrines and that also only in 50 % and 57 % of constructed Houses till now;

(c) whether owing to this a large section of beneficiaries have been denied a clean and pollution free atmosphere as well as basic hygiene;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), sanitary latrine and smokeless chulha are integral part of a house.

(b) to (e) Under the Scheme, the houses are constructed by the beneficiaries themselves. In some cases, sanitary latrines and smokeless chullas are not being constructed by beneficiaries due to lack of awareness, attitudinal factors, shortage of water etc. Instructions in this regard are being reiterated from time to time.